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1. WE HAVE COME UPIWITH AN APPROXIMATE BREAKDOWN OF THE JANATA PARLIAMENTARY GROUP BY COMPONENT PARTY.
HOWEVER, WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THESE FIGURES ARE ROUGH AT BEST, SINCE MANY OF THE JANATA CANDIDATES WERE NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ANY ONE PARTICULAR PARTY. SOME, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE VIRTUALLY NON-POLITICAL (SARVODAYA WORKERS, RETIRED JUDGES, ETC.) AND IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO PIN A PARTY LABEL ON THEM. WITH THIS CAVEAT IN MIND, BREAKDOWN FOLLOWS:

- (A) JAN SANGH: 90
- (B) BLD: 72
- (C) CONGRESS (O): 55
- (D) SOCIALISTS: 36
- (E) CONGRESS REBELS: 6
- (F) UNATTACHED AND SMALL PARTIES: 11
- 2. WE CHECKED THESE FIGURES WITH SEVERAL OF OUR DIPLOMATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLEAGUES, WHO COME UP WITH SLIGHTLY LOWER FIGURES FOR THE CONGRESS (O) AND SOCIALIST COMPONENT PARTS. THE BRITISH CLASSIFY 83 OF THE JANATA MP'S AS OF "UNKNOWN" PARTY AFFILIATION. THE GERMANS AND THE BRITISH DO AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT THE JAN SANGH HAS 90 EASTS AND IS THE LARGEST GROUP AND THAT THE BLD RANKS SECOND. BOTH QUOTE THE BLD TOTAL AT 65 SEATS, WHICH ACCORDING TO KULDIP NAYAR IS THE FIGURE CITED BY CHARAN SINGH IN HIS LETTER TO J.P.

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